

HCS SB 234 -- PARK CONCESSION STAND

SPONSOR: Quick (Ervin)

COMMITTEE ACTION: Voted "do pass by consent" by the Committee on Local Government by a vote of 17 to 0.

This substitute allows Clay County to grant leases for up to 50 years on any concession stand or marina, if the proposed investment by the lessee is greater than \$10 million. County bidding procedures and requirements are set forth in the substitute.

The substitute also requires the county to request bids for the private operation of one marina, if the county owns or operates more than two marinas. The substitute establishes conditions under which the county may operate the marina that is to be leased.

The substitute contains an emergency clause.

FISCAL NOTE: Not available at time of printing.

PROPOSERS: Supporters say that the bill will allow for fair compensation for a boat slip and other property which Clay County is forcing Little Platte Marina to sell. The county will take this property if it can't be sold. Smithville Lake is frozen at the current time, and the boat slips cannot be moved for sale. The county is not offering a fair market value for the property.

Testifying for the bill were Representative Johnson (47); Little Platte Marina; and Woody Cozad.

OPPONENTS: Those who oppose the bill say that the owner of the Little Platte Marina is trying to influence negotiations with the county with the legislation. Clay County does not want the boat slips. It will cost the county money to remove property it does not want. The property is not worth the amount of money the owner wants. The county has had problems with safety violations at the marina. The legislation may not be constitutional.

Testifying against the bill were Clay County Commission; Clay County General Counsel; and Director of Parks and Recreation, Clay County.

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